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SUBJECT: LARG- OASIS PARTICIPATION NEGOTIATIONS

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1. OASIS NEGOTIATORS SHAFER AND MERRILL, ACCOMPANIED BY CONTINENTAL' S LOCAL MANAGER, ROONEY, MET WITH CHARGE AND ECONOFF APRIL 3.

2. SHAFER BRIEF CHARGE ON HIS LATEST MEETING WITH PETROLEUM MINISTER MABRUK (REFTEL) AND SAID THAT OIL COMPANY PRINCIPALS HAD AGREED TO REQUEST RECESS IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN THREE- MINUTE MEETING WITH
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MABRUK APRIL 4, SHAFER OBTAINED RECESS AND DEPARTED FOR U. S. SAME DAY. MABRUK INTENDS RE- SUMMON SHAFER AFTER RETURN FROM OPEC PARITY MEETING, PROBABLY TOWARD MIDDLE OF APRIL.

4. AMOSEAS PRESIDENT GLOSS TELLS US THAT DURING MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF PETROLEUM MUNTASSIR ON OTHER OIL MATTERS APRIL 4, HE RAISED MATTER OF PARTICIPATION. MUNTASSIR CONFIRMED THAT RCC SWINGING AWAY FROM IDEA OF PARTICIPATION AND OFFERED SURPRISING PERSONAL OPINION THAT " PERHAPS LIBYA NEEDS STATUS QUO." GLOSS THINKS MUNTASSIR' S COMMENT SHOULD BE TAKEN NOT AS INDICATING THERE IS REAL SATISFACTION WITH STATUS QUO WITHIN LARG BUT MERELY THAT MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM OFFICIALS ARE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AND RCC ITSELF DOES NOT EXACTLY KNOW WHAT IT WANTS.

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